execution of lease deed and the file is not readily traceable part file is immediatly constructed with the approval of competent authority after obtaining attested copies of relevant documents from the applicant and lease deed is executed accordingly.

Access to Safe drinking water

871. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the survey report of The Energy and Resource Institute which reveals that today nearly 40 per cent of India's urban population has no access to safe drinking water; and

(b) if so, why the official figure and the above data differ so largely?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Based on the information furnished by the State implementing agencies in charge of urban water supply and sanitation sector, it has been assessed that about 89% of the urban population have got access to drinking water facilities as on 31.3.2000. However, this coverage indicates accessibility only but availability and quantity of water supply may not be as per prescribed norms in some urban areas. A statement indicating the status of population having access to water supply facilities as on 31st March 2000 is enclosed (*See* below). As regards the assessment of the Energy and Resource Institute that 40% of India's urban population has no access to safe drinking water, it is not possible to comment on the conclusion without knowing the methodology adopted for collection of data/information, sample size, number of towns studies, source of information gathered, etc. by the said Institute.

Statement

Statewise status of population having access to water supply facilities as on 31.3.2000

(Population in '000) (Tentative)

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Estimated Population As on 31.3.2000	Population Provided with water Supply *Through			
			H.S.C.	P.S.P.	Total	%Age
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andhra Pr-Phed	15738	6767	4008	10775	68
	Andhra Per-Hmwssbd.	3500	2640	500	3140	90
	Anhdra Per-Total	19238	9407	4508	13915	72
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	231	117	25	142	61
3.	Assam	3100	600	200	800	26
4.	Bihar**	11892	4187	5327	9514	80
5.	Delhi	13300	9560	3740	13300	100
6.	Goa	557	439	118	557	100
7.	Gujarat**	16810	13227	3307	16534	98
8.	Haryana	3705	2108	402	2510	68
9.	Himachal Pradaesh	596	509	87	596	100
10.	J & K (Kashmir)	1378	1240	50	1290	94
	Karnataka UWS&DBd.	11000	5720	2420	8140	74
	Karnataka BWSSBd.	5750	3525	1175	4700	82
	Karnataka-Total	16750	9245	3595	12840	77
12.	Kerala	7680	3260	2764	6024	78
13.	Madhya Pradesh	25000	16200	8800	25000	100
14.	Maharashtra-MJP Maharashtra-MMC Maharashtra-Total**	34309	23744	10176	33920	99
15.	Manipur	969	481	176	657	68
16.	Meghalaya	457	221	201	422	92
17.	Mizoram	258	63	30	93	36
18.	Nagaland	296	232	0	232	78

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
19.	Orissa	4877	859	2221	3080	63
20.	Punjab	8496	5212	317	5529	65
21.	Rajasthan	12897	10318	2579	12897	100
22.	Sikkim	156	137	8	145	93
23.	Tamil Nadu-TWAD Bd.	18515	8107	8734	16841	86
	Tamil Nadu-CMWSSBd.	6010	5729	117	5846	97
	Tamil Nadu-Total	25525	13836	8851	22687	89
24.	Tripura	553	136	327	463	84
25.	Uttar Pradesh	33000	16100	16500	32600	99
26.	West Bengal-CMDA					
	West Bengal--PHED					
	West Bengal--Total**	18495	6261	9505	15766	85
Total States		260525	147699	83814	231513	89
UNION TERRITORIES						
1.	A&N Islands	109	98	9	107	98
2.	Chandigarh	762	610	152	762	100
3.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	15	9	5	14	93
4.	Daman & Diu	47	6	1	7	15
5.	Lakshadweep	30	0	20	20	67
6.	Pondicherry	678	598	80	678	100
	Total U.Ts.	1641	1321	267	1588	97
	Grand Total	262166	149020	84081	233101	89

Remarks:

H.S.C. House Service Connection P.S.P. Public Stand Post

* Indicates Accessibility only. Adequacy and Equitable distribution of water supply may not be as per the prescribed norms in some urban areas.

** The figures indicates as on 31.3.1997 since the respective states have not furnished the information as on 31.3.2000.